

PHARMACY BOARD[657]**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 4, “Pharmacist Interns,” and Chapter 8, “Universal Practice Standards,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments provide for the delegation of immunization administration by an authorized pharmacist to an authorized pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of the authorized pharmacist. This provision was inadvertently omitted when the immunization rule was amended in September 2013. The amendments also define “authorized pharmacist-intern” and require continued cardiac life support certification and documentation of such certification beyond initial qualification of the authorized pharmacist or authorized pharmacist-intern. The amendments also require that the prescriber authorizing the administration of immunizations via protocol must identify, by name or classification, any pharmacists or other qualified health professionals that may administer immunizations pursuant to the specific protocol.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the October 1, 2014, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 1652C**. The Board received one written comment regarding the proposed amendments. The commenter expressed concern that the amendments would effectively limit immunization activities by pharmacist-interns if the protocol required the identification by name of each pharmacist-intern. The Board’s intent of the rule making is to alleviate that burden by allowing in a signed protocol the identification of immunizers by category. The Board reviewed the language of the proposed amendments and determined that the intent is provided. The adopted amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

The amendments were approved during the November 19, 2014, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy. After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 155A.6 and 155A.13.

These amendments will become effective on January 14, 2015.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 4.6(2) as follows:

4.6(2) *Supervision and authorized functions.* A licensed pharmacist shall be on duty in the pharmacy and shall be responsible for the actions of a pharmacist-intern during all periods of internship training. At the discretion of the supervising pharmacist, the following judgmental functions, usually restricted to a pharmacist, may be delegated to pharmacist-interns registered by the board:

- a. and b. No change.
- c. Patient counseling;
- d. Administration of vaccines pursuant to rule 657—8.33(155A).

ITEM 2. Amend rule 657—8.33(155A) as follows:

657—8.33(155A) Vaccine administration by pharmacists. An authorized pharmacist may administer vaccines pursuant to protocols established by the CDC in compliance with the requirements of this rule. An authorized pharmacist may only delegate the administration of a vaccine to an authorized pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of the authorized pharmacist.

8.33(1) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this rule, the following definitions shall apply:

“ACIP” means the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

“ACPE” means the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education.

“Authorized pharmacist” means an Iowa-licensed pharmacist who has met the requirements identified in subrule 8.33(2).

“Authorized pharmacist-intern” means an Iowa-registered pharmacist-intern who has met the requirements for an authorized pharmacist identified in paragraphs 8.33(2) “a” and “c.”

“CDC” means the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Immunization” shall have the same meaning as, and shall be interchangeable with, the term “vaccine.”

“Protocol” means a standing order for a vaccine to be administered by an authorized pharmacist.

“Vaccine” means a specially prepared antigen administered to a person for the purpose of providing immunity.

8.33(2) Authorized pharmacist training and continuing education. An authorized pharmacist shall document successful completion of the requirements in paragraph 8.33(2) “a” and shall maintain competency by completing and maintaining documentation of the continuing education requirements in paragraph 8.33(2) “b.”

a. and b. No change.

c. *Certification maintained.* During any period within which the pharmacist may engage in the administration of vaccines, the pharmacist shall maintain current certification in the American Heart Association or the Red Cross basic cardiac life support protocol for health care providers.

8.33(3) Protocol requirements. A pharmacist may administer vaccines pursuant to CDC protocols. A protocol shall be unique to a pharmacy ~~and~~. The prescriber who signs a protocol shall identify all within the protocol, by name or category, those pharmacists authorized or other qualified health professionals that the prescriber is authorizing to administer vaccines pursuant to the protocol. Links to CDC protocols shall be provided on the board’s Web site at www.iowa.gov/ibpe. A protocol:

a. to d. No change.

e. Shall specifically indicate whether the authorizing prescriber agrees that the administration of vaccines may be delegated by the authorized pharmacist to an authorized pharmacist-intern under the direct supervision of the authorized pharmacist.

8.33(4) to 8.33(7) No change.

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